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A PLAN FOR
PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS
UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL

This plan outlines the organization and operation of activities during a national emergency for the procurement of foreign publications, other than captured enemy documents, for intelligence purposes.

II. AUTHORITY

This plan has been prepared by the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications (PROCIB) in response to a request by the United States Intelligence Board that each USIB committee report plans for its operation and for intelligence community functioning in its assigned field of responsibility, in time of emergency. (USIB-D-7.1/2, 5 June 1959) It has been approved by USIB, -- ---- ----.

III. ACTIVATION

A Foreign Publications Center will be activated by USIB at such time as may appear to be necessary and desirable. Activation should be considered whenever hostilities involving the United States appear imminent, or when conditions following outbreak of hostilities make such action possible and useful.

IV. MISSION

The mission of the Foreign Publications Center is to:

a. Provide within the Zone of the Interior a facility for receiving and distributing foreign publications, other than captured enemy documents, received during an emergency.

b. Request, guide, and coordinate procurement of foreign publications.

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IV. MISSION (continued)

c. Distribute, announce, or otherwise make foreign publications available to agencies of the U. S. Government, including captured enemy documents turned over to the Center by ASDIC.

V. ORGANIZATION

a. The Director and nucleus of the Headquarters staff of the Center will be provided by CIA.

b. Each agency represented on PROCIB will maintain constant liaison with the Center and may designate personnel to be stationed at the Center for the purpose of screening publications and coordinating requirements for publications.

c. If possible, the Foreign Publications Center should be co-located with ASDIC.

VI. OPERATIONS

a. The Director of the Foreign Publications Center will supervise the operation of the Center. He will be guided by the representatives of other agencies, as a group and as spokesmen for their individual parent agencies.

b. Procurement action may be carried out by any of the agencies represented on PROCIB. In making procurement requests, the Director will speak for PROCIB, drawing upon the stated and implied intent of PROCIB and consulting as appropriate with representatives of other agencies in order to assure coordination of requirements. This responsibility in no way is to prejudice the maintenance, by each department and agency, of facilities and activities necessary to meet its needs.

c. By agreement of the agencies concerned, personnel may be assigned to field procurement for the Center, or individuals may be recruited for this purpose. Whenever possible they will be briefed at the Center on specific and continuing requirements for foreign publications. While in the field, they will not necessarily travel as members

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VI. OPERATIONS (continued)

of the agency to which they are permanently assigned, but may when appropriate travel under the auspices of any agency represented on PROCIB.

d. Each PROCIB agency shall make every effort, to the extent feasible, to notify the Center of receipt of foreign publications, other than captured enemy documents, received by channels other than the Foreign Publications Center.

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